Nova Scotia

nova scotia lottery commission

Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1981

As chairman of the Nova Scotia Lottery Commission, I am pleased to indicate that for the fiscal period which ended March 31, 1981 lotteries generated $5,752,166 for the Consolidated Revenue Account of the Province of Nova Scotia.

As the Financial Statement indicates, profits are up considerably during this fiscal year, from $3,797,929. This substantial increase is largely a result of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation decision to change its bi-weekly lottery game to a weekly draw. This was instituted September 1981.

Sales of A-Plus tickets in Nova Scotia were up 17% over last year. The Super Loto showed the largest increase of the three lotteries with total sales of $3,530,000 in Nova Scotia up from $633,190 during 1979-80 (an increase of 557% over the last fiscal period).

There was a slight decrease, of $111,535, in the sales of Provincial Lottery tickets during the year.

Nova Scotia was represented on the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation for a portion of the year by Mr. Don Currie and by Mr. Louis Stephen, Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Fitness. When Mr. Currie retired in October, he was replaced by Mr. Byron Anthony, Deputy Minister of Management Board.

Louis Stephen has continued to represent the province on the Board of the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation.

During this fiscal period the Nova Scotia Lottery Commission forwarded $635,724 in bonus commissions to sports, cultural, recreation and exhibition groups wishing to earn extra funds by selling lottery tickets. The A-Plus Lottery and the Provincial Lottery continue to pay respective commissions of 10% and 5%.

The Nova Scotia Lottery Commission Licensing Division, located in Queen Square, Dartmouth, experienced a number of changes in staff and procedures during the past fiscal year. The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Hugh Conrod, resigned for health reasons; Mr. Don Currie, Executive Director, retired; Mr. Warren Young resigned from the position of Lottery Officer. Various other changes affected inspectors and clerical staff. Clyde M. Horner, Director of Administration, Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness was appointed Acting Executive Director responsible for the operation of this division. A number of policy changes were also instituted to provide more efficient enforcement of the Lottery

Regulations to allow the licensing system to operate in a more effective manner.

During the past fiscal year, the Commission began enforcing regulations with respect to the maximum prize that can be offered by commercial bingos. This move prohibits commercial operators from offering any prize above $100. This placed charitable bingos in a more equitable position in comparison with the commercial operations.

The Commission licensed approximately 500 bingos throughout the province during 1980-81. During this time 1,277 permits and 1,353 licenses were issued, generating $698,886 in fees. The total prize structure offered by all licensed lotteries in the province totalled $22,114,422.

The Nova Scotia Lottery Commission has substantially reduced the number of deliquent accounts by developing a follow-up system on the collection of fees.

Revenue may be reduced in the coming year as a number of commercial operations have relinquished their licenses and have started renting premises to charitable bingo operators. These charitable organizations pay a fee of 2% of the total value of the prizes offered compared to 10% paid by commercial operators.

Following is a copy of the financial statement prepared by the Commission's Treasurer, Doug Tobin, and approved by the Auditor General.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nova Scotia Lottery Commission.

Louis G. Stephen
CHAIRMAN

NOVA SCOTIA LOTTERY COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1981

ASSETS

	1981	1980
Current		
Cash	$ 13,298	$ 7,361
Due from Atlantic Lottery Corporation Inc.	601,248	732,589
	614,546	739,950
Long-term		
Due from Atlantic Lottery Corporation Inc.	210,115	157,534
Investment in Interprovincial Lottery Corporation	1	1
	210,116	157,535
	$ 824,662	$ 897,485

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current		
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 1,536
Commissions payable	164,506	145,540
Due to Province of Nova Scotia (Note 1)	450,041	592,875
	614,547	739,951
Equity		
In fixed assets of Atlantic Lottery Corporation Inc.	210,115	157,534
	$ 824,662	$ 897,485

NOVA SCOTIA LOTTERY COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1981

	1981	1980
Revenues		
Income from Atlantic Lottery Corporation Inc.	$6,613,295	$4,430,320
Interest on short-term deposits	9,329	8,454
	6,622,624	4,438,774
Expenses		
Advertising	496	2,902
Bank charges	253	27
Commission on ticket sales	635,724	584,977
Meetings	1,910	309
Memberships	404	188
Motor vehicle expenses	2,018	-
Office equipment	9,477	2,203
Postage	2,550	-
Professional fees	12,000	12,000
Rent	8,880	7,400
Salaries and employees benefits	181,865	24,882
Supplies	3,681	989
Telephone and telegraph	3,114	1,495
Travel	8,086	3,473
	870,458	640,845
Excess of revenue over expenses	$5,752,166	$3,797,929

NOVA SCOTIA LOTTERY COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 1981

1. Due from (to) Province of Nova Scotia

	1981	1980
Balance beginning of year	$ (592,875)	$ 96,054
Excess of revenues over expenses	(5,752,166)	(3,797,929)
	(6,345,041)	(3,701,875)
Payments to Province	5,895,000	3,109,000
Balance end of year	$ (450,041)	$ (592,875)

2. The Commission has entered into a lease agreement at an annual rental charge of $8,880 plus a percentage of increases in operating costs and real property taxes after 1979 (base year). The lease expires April 30, 1982.